

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014 · 8:30 a.m. Worship



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[Light the first three candles of the Advent wreath.]

Welcome

Prelude Carol of the Bells
Carillon Bells

*Passing the Peace of Christ

***Song** Light of the Stable

*Opening Prayer

***Song** Open the Eyes of My Heart

***Song** Better Is One Day

Lighting the Advent Wreath (on back) The Glascock Family

Children's Message

Ministry of the Word John 1:6-8 (NLT)

Sermon "The Highway of Enthusiasm" Rev. Bates
Matthew 3:1-12 (NLT)

Following the Sermon children ages 4-2nd grade may be dismissed to Carol Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Offering The World Sees You

Invitation to Holy Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Lord's Supper

*Benediction

***Closing Song** Go Tell It on the Mountain

**For those who are able, please stand*

After the angel came to Mary and told her that she would conceive the child in her womb and would call him Jesus, Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

And Mary sings her Song of Praise:

...My soul magnifies the Lord...he has scattered the proud
...He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
...He has lifted up the lowly
...He has filled the hungry
...He has provided for the poor.

We marvel at Mary, the mother of the Messiah, herself a single, teenaged mother, herself poor and powerless. But she understood that the baby she would call Jesus was sent, not just to her, but to the world...

...To the hungry
...To the weak
...To the very young and the very old
...To those who suffer or are in pain

[Light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.]

We light this fourth candle to remember Mary, the mother of Jesus. May the light of this candle also remind us that the light of Jesus shines for everyone.

ALL SING: O come thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN.

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